

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the effects of litigation on the nursing home industry.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the effects of litigation on the nursing home industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of five (5) members of the House of Representatives and five (5) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers. The house makeup shall consist of two (2) members of the House Judiciary Committee, two (2) members of the House Finance Committee, and one (1) member of the House Health and Human Resources Committee. The Senate makeup shall consist of two (2) members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, two (2) members of the Senate Finance Committee, and one (1) member of the Senate General Welfare Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall seek input from the Tennessee Health Care Association, multi-facility nursing home owners, the Tennessee Association of Justice, the AARP, the Department of Health, the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the Department of Finance and Administration, and any other parties the committee deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation and/or rules and regulations, to the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate no later than February 1, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.